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GOD IS LOVE

THE PILLAR

THE TRUTH

There Is a Time

There is a time we know not when,
A point we know not where,
That marks the destiny of men
To glory or despair.

There is a time by us unseen
That crosses every path,
The hidden boundary between
God's patience and His wrath.

How far may we go on in sin?
How long will God forbear?
Where does hope end and where begin
The confines of despair?

The answer from the skies is sent,
"Ye that from God depart,
While it is called today repent
And harden not your heart."

—Sent in by Freddie Van Meter.

THE GROUND OF

EPH. 2:20

I TIM. 3:15

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NOTICES...

Maryland, Deleware, and D. C. minister's meeting will convene in Williamsport, Md., where Rev. Wm. Norris is pastor. The services will begin at 1:30 P. M., September 23.

If you do not know the location of the church, call Brother Norris for direction, when you enter the city.—O. C. Crank, overseer.

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The Church of God on the Air

Bladenboro No. 1 Church of God, every Sunday, over station WTSB, Lumberton, N. C., at 9-9:30 A. M., 1340 kc.—Frank Petrucelli, pastor.

DEATHS

MANCIL

The death angel came and claimed Bettie Joice Mancil on July 3, 1946. She was born August 20, 1941.—Myrtice Wolfe.

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Rev. J. B. Ellis

Our precious Brother J. B. Ellis predicted years ago that he would live to be seventy-six years old. He lacked only seventeen days reaching that age when he died in peaceful sleep in his son A. L.'s car, on his return from the Assembly in Birmingham, to his home in Alabama City. We shall never forget the inspiration we received from the great prayer he prayed in the Friday night service. Neither will his faithful wife and devoted children forget the prayer he prayed for them and the church Saturday a short while before his departure to be with the Lord.

His ministry covered a period of forty-eight years and most of it was devoted to the Church of God, as evangelist, pastor, state overseer, member of the Council of Twelve, and General Superintendent of Education. He was one of the grandest and greatest members that I have ever had the privilege of pastoring. The Alabama City church feels keenly this loss. The lovely, beautiful, and expensive floral offerings contributed by the General Assembly, Headquarters, the state overseers, local churches, states, relatives, and friends showed the unlimited scope of his acquaintance and the depth of love, respect, and appreciation held for him.

Two services were held for him. The first was at Alabama City and the pastor was assisted by Dr. John L. Brasher, Methodist evangelist; A. O. Barner, Methodist pastor, and J. T. Roberts, state overseer of the Church of God. The last service was at Foster's Chapel, on Straight Mountain, in his native community, where the pastor was assisted by Reverends Ellis Wright, W. S. Wilenon, and J. T. Roberts. Brother Roberts delivered a brief message. Thus we said good-by to the temple of clay that had housed and carried through seventy-six years one of the most SPIRITUAL, INTELLIGENT, LOYAL, COURAGEOUS and FAITHFUL souls that ever lived.

His pastor, J. D. Bright.

Requests for Prayer

PRAY FOR:

The Lord to heal my body.—Rev. J. C. Webster, Rt. 2, Box 75, Shaw, Miss.

The Lord to save and heal my brother-in-law, James E. Knight of Panama City, Fla., who was accidentally shot August 30. He is in a critical condition. Pray for the Lord to save his wife who is backslidden. Also remember me and my home.—Mrs. W. J. Mobley, Rt. 1, Gabbettville, Ga.

My husband, and for me to have a closer walk with the Lord. Encouragement appreciated.—Mrs. Jeanette Holcombe, Rt. 1, Fruithurst, Ala.

The Lord to heal my foot and to work out His will concerning the work I do for Him.—Mary Dean Orcutt, Calif.

My eleven-year-old son to be healed of epileptic fits.—Mrs. Zeph Chapman, Rt. 1, Ft Gay, W. Va

God to heal me of T. B. and to bless my two little girls.—Imogene Christian, Catawba Sanatorium, Va.

Mary Mitchem as she has a broken ankle; pray for us, wherever we go.—Mrs. Roxie Braswell, Box 221, De Funiak Springs, Fla.

The healing of my baby of whoop-

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New Line of Oil-Varnished Pictures

We are offering a new line of oil-varnished pictures, heavy weight, top and bottom tinned, with hanger strap. Size, 12x16 inches. While they last we can furnish "The Lord's Supper," "The Guardian Angel," "Christ with Mary and Joseph," "Christ in Gethsemane," "Christ after He Arose," "Mary." and "Christ the King."

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It Was Great

By Earl P. Paulk

It has been my happy privilege to attend the General Assembly for many years. It seems to me that this 41st Annual Assembly of the Church of God was one of the greatest, if not the greatest, we have ever witnessed. The attendance ran into several thousand delegates from the various states and countries of the world.

THE ATTITUDE

Everyone seemed so thrilled to see his brother or sister. It was a grand hand-shaking time. In fact, since we had not been privileged to have a full-attendance Assembly for some years, because of the war, it, therefore, became a great home coming week. It was wonderful to hear the delegates from all parts of the world singing the praise of their eternal King, and the shouts of hallelujahs going up from all parts of the great auditorium. At various times I noticed that there was shouting, dancing, and speaking in tongues even in the extreme faraway balconies. It was a wonderful sight to behold. This great spirit that prevailed seemed to sweeten everyone in their attitude toward others.

BISHOPS' COUNCIL

The Bishops' Council was a wonderful success. Much and lasting good was acomplished during this great council of bishops. Many constructive things were brought into existence through the counsel of these godly men. It is marvelous to behold at different times how different opinions might be brought forth in the Bishops' Council and how finally the great Holy Ghost brings us down to agree on one thing. This, of course, is indeed encouraging, that we might look into the future with confidence that if we, as godly men, will put our faith and trust in our Chief Shepherd, Jesus Christ, the Crucified One, He will certainly mould and shape us as He would have us to be.

One of the finest things of this Council was the spirit of fellowship that prevailed. It was simply grand to hear all those bishops, six hundred or more, singing hymns. My sincere prayer is that God, through the atoning blood of His Son and the power of the Holy Ghost, will keep us singing and working happily in His great vineyard until we shall have an opportunity to return, if He should tarry for another Bishops' Council.

MODERATION

The moderation of the Bishops' Council, the General Assembly, etc., was excellent. I never saw anyone moderate any great group of individuals and such a tremendous amount of energy in a more skillful, parlimentary, and congenial manner than did our esteemed General Overseer, Rev. J. C. Jernigan. It seemed to me that his decisions were absolutely impartial. And, of course, this was a great factor in peace-prevailing—when we could see the coolness, confidence, and fair play of our moderator.

The Assistant General Overseer, Rev. H. L. Chesser, stood by ready to assist in every way possible, and his behavior was grand.

May the God of our salvation richly bless these brethren and strengthen them to carry on for His great Church, is our sincere prayer.

YOUTH CONGRESS

The Youth Congress was a mighty success, indeed. The program for this great occasion was up to par in every respect. The attendance was indeed gratifying. Our young people came to this Congress by the hundreds. The music and singing, the moderation, and the speakers were wonderful. It was encouraging to behold our young people as they were carrying on in such great manner, and to see in this great auditorium the various group studies, and that they did have a foresight of the things that should be done to carry on in the great work of the Church of God that we love so dearly and which we want to leave as a precious heritage for our young people.

I feel like a new day has dawned for our young people, which, of course, will be the Church of tomorrow.

HE FOUGHT HIS BATTLE

One of the most touching and yet edifying things that happened during the General Assembly, that seemed to encourage everyone and strengthen the organization in a general way, was the passing away of one of the Church's most outstanding warriors of many years. Brother J. B. Ellis came into the General Assembly. His hoary head served as a momentous benediction to this great occasion. When he would come into the General Assembly there seemed to be a holy hush and a great feeling of respect would take hold of the entire Assembly. And, as little children look upon their father, the entire General Assembly would look upon Brother Ellis. He was one of our foremost preachers, teachers, and pioneers of the Church of God.

He came into the Assembly Friday night and prayed one of the most wonderful prayers that was ever heard fall from the lips of a mortal man; but we can understand now why that was, because he was standing on the banks of the river and his immortal soul was looking just across the troubled waters upon the shore of sweet and eternal deliverance, and the place of his eternal abiding dwelling. On Saturday, he said it was all well, "the time is here and I must go." He bade everyone good-by, hoping to see them on that glad tomorrow. Amen.

Now Have Nice Church and Parsonage

DE FUNIAK SPRINGS, Fla.—We came to De Funiak Springs September 29, 1945. Some said we would never build a Church of God in De Funiak Springs but as the Lord said unto Moses, "Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward," Exodus 14:15. We and the good folks in De Funiak Springs went to work and in two months we were in the new parsonage. Praise the Lord! We wanted a new block church so we kept praying, though sometimes it would look very dark. We went to camp meeting and came back and went to work on the block church and on the 25th of August we had our first service in it. We praise the Lord that we have a nice church and parsonage in De Funiak Springs. Let us always go forward and do what the Lord says. Pray much for us in De Funiak Springs.—Mrs. Roxie Braswell, Box 221.

The road to success is no man's private driveway.—*R. L. Smith.*

Treasure Hunting for Wisdom and Knowledge

A Discourse on the Gifts of Wisdom and Knowledge

By James Willis Archer

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3. *The Ways of God.* The writer once knew a noted religious leader who taught the ministers and workers of the organization many unique and sometimes rather startling means of reaching people with the gospel. But over and over this leader emphasized one thought, until it became a part of the worker: "Remember always, no matter what means you use to get people to your services, or to impress them after you get them there, your ultimate aim is the salvation of lost souls. If you lose sight of that, you have lost sight of the final great purpose in all of God's dealings with man."

So it is in knowing the WAYS of God; be it trials or blessings, punishments or rewards, sudden death or a long life and peaceful passing, the purpose of God in it all is man's salvation. God thinks and acts, not in the terms of a man's span of life, but in the terms of man's eternal life. Psa. 18:30, "As for God, his way is perfect: . . ." Psa. 25:9b, "The meek will he teach his way."

The ways of man are based almost invariably upon earthly attainments —money, health, fame, power, etc. He does not consider the ways of God until his thoughts turn to the purpose of God, which is the salvation of mankind.

The ways and wisdom of man are deeply rooted in his materialistic world. If through scientific research he learns a little of the great laws of God, he too often applies them to attain his materialistic plan of greed, ambition, selfishness, pleasure, and power. Satan's wisdom and power is freely given to man to organize his world based upon fleshly and satanic principles of power, ambition and conquest. His system is powerful, imposing and flashy, with its great armies, air fleets, mechanized force, battleships, and atomic bombs. Modern civilization appears cultural, scientific, wise and intelligent, elegant, and religious, but actually it is an inward seething mass of magots of international, commercial, and political rivalries, which in the end can only be upheld by organized force of arms, directed and dominated by satanic principles, of hatred, bitterness, suffering and violent destruction and death.

The WAYS of God are designed to deliver man from all of this. Through the Spirit of God, our Lord conquers the spirit of man and overcomes the demonic spirits that oppose man, eradicating Satanic principles and implanting in their place, by His Spirit, the God-given principles and characteristics of righteousness. Gal. 5:19-23, "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."

Isa. 55:9, "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."

II. THE WORD OF WISDOM. Wisdom is applied knowledge. Knowledge is the plow and wisdom is the hand that guides the plow. Knowledge is the machine and wisdom is the hand that keeps it running smoothly and guides it on the right road and the right side of the road. Wisdom is what keeps the milk from souring. Wisdom is that which knits up the raveled threads of a broken life and makes it once more a perfect pattern. Growth and perfection of wisdom stem from the proper execution of knowledge. Without divine knowledge (knowing the Bible) I cannot have divine wisdom. Knowledge is mental; wisdom is practical: You don't have to be a dictionary in order to apply wisdom. Knowledge knows the Spirit of God and of Satan. Wisdom follows the Spirit of God in dealings with the spirit of man and with evil spirits. Wisdom milks the cow on the correct side. Wisdom does not put burs under the horse's saddle. Since it is the WORD of wisdom, the wise Christian makes his decisions in accord with the Word and will of God, and not for political or social conveniences, nor for fleshly prejudices or pleasure.

Webster's Dictionary: "KNOWLEDGE denotes acquaintance with, or clear perception of, facts. WISDOM is the capacity of judging soundly and dealing broadly with facts, especially in their practical relationship to life and conduct." Applied to the Word of Wisdom and of Knowledge, we can then say, KNOWLEDGE denotes acquaintance with, or clear perception of, facts of the Word of God, the works of God and the ways of God. WISDOM is the capacity of judging soundly and dealing broadly with these facts, especially in their practical relationship to life and conduct in spiritual realms.

Wisdom and knowledge, like faith and works, form a spiritual team. One without the other is dead. Knowledge without wisdom is like a cow I had to milk when I was a boy. She gave a wonderfully large and rich pail of milk, but unless I watched closely, she delighted in raising her foot at the last moment and sending the milk and pail over the barn floor. Many a good Christian worker gives a wonderful pail of milk, when it comes to his knowledge, but when it comes to wisdom he is always spilling the milk. The writer once knew a preacher of super-knowledge. He was an orator of the highest type. I never heard a preacher I would rather hear preach. During a revival in a great church of several thousand members, he went over big. The pastor, being sick, offered him the assistant pastorate on a rather fabulous salary. The evangelist, thinking that he had the pastor in a tight spot, where there was no other choice, demanded two thousand dollars a month, presidency of the Bible School, and power of attorney over the pastor's name, who owned much property. What he got was the

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David's Prayers - - and Ours

By Chester Shuler

David was a man of prayer. For our own edification and instruction, many of his petitions are preserved in the Psalms.

One of the most interesting and helpful is that recorded in Psalm 143: 8-10. It is especially interesting to note, as we read, that seemingly David's problems were similar in principle to ours today.

Let us notice a few of David's petitions carefully. First, see his petition that the Lord will attune his ear.

"IN THE MORNING"

"Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust," v. 8, David entreated.

How important we, too, find it to *hear* God "in the morning"—in the forepart of each day, the beginning of each task or problem, in the very morning of our lives *foremost* in all things.

David declares his trust in God. Today, those folks whose trust is *in God* will instinctively pray David's prayer —that they may be able always to hear God's voice.

The Bible contains God's will for us. If we would know that will, we may not neglect reading the Book. Many great Christians have stated that their best time for Bible reading and study was "in the morning."

A friend of ours, who was soundly converted from the old life to the new life in Christ Jesus, states that he is arising each morning a half-hour earlier than usual in order to read entirely through the Bible—which, he says, was a strange, unread Book to him. He was so struck by its message, particularly the chapters about Paul's life and conversion, that he is seeking earnestly to know God's will for him day by day. He attributes much of his success to early-morning Bible "hearing."

It is quite possible to do much Bible reading, but little Bible hearing. God has a message for His beloved deep in the printed text. But only by the Holy Spirit's help and teaching can we glean that deeper truth. Early-morning reading of the Book often makes the hearing easier. David was praying for this ability to *hear* the Lord's lovingkindness. V. 8. Where can we find better examples of such lovingkindness than in such passages as John 3:16?

Then, too, we notice that David was troubled or concerned about

THE WAY WHEREIN TO WALK

each day. "Hearing God's lovingkindness" came first with David. Next came the day's duties. It is much the same now. We find many "ways" in which to walk daily. There are various "gates" leading to these ways. Some gates are "straight" and some are "wide"; some ways are "broad" and others "narrow." Matt. 7:13.

Some ways are crowded with traffic and some are almost deserted save by a few travelers. But the final destination of these two ways is very different. David desired to arrive at the proper terminal. Later, Jesus advised: "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait (narrow) is the gate, and narrow (straightened) is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it," Matt. 7:13, 14.

David was eager to know the way wherein he should walk, the correct way which would lead him to the desired haven, finally. In another Psalm he declares that "For the Lord *knoweth the way of the righteous,*" Psa. 1:6a. With God there is no doubting. His leading is always right, sure. "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and *lead me in the way* everlasting," Psa. 139:23, 24. "When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him," Prov. 16:7. Yes, the matter of walking in the *right* way, daily, momentarily, on the proper highway, toward the heavenly city, IS important! We can profit by repeating daily David's petition regarding this matter, "Cause me to know the ways wherein I should walk!"

Did David just ask this, and then do nothing else? No. He adds these significant words, "For I lift up my soul unto thee," v. 8. Do we do as much? Do we lift up our souls to Him, when we are in doubt about something, when the way is uncertain, when an important decision has to be made? Or do we merely "guess at it," and then follow one way or another, sometimes to our detriment? David may have meant "intense prayer" in his expression here—the feeling of "lifting up" the soul, reaching toward God with an intense desire for help and guidance; imploringly, earnestly, refusing to go away without an answer. That sort of prayer is seldom denied by the Father.

"Deliver Me"

was David's next request. "Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies: I flee unto Thee to hide me," Psa. 143:9. Now we may be thinking of David as captain of a band of men who were hunted for their very lives. Surely, we say, David had good reason to pray thus—but why should *we* need to pray his prayer today? Very likely no deadly foes are on our trail at this moment, even though, recently, many Christians in Service may have had cause to pray under circumstances very like David's!

However, a Christian has enemies—including one very vicious, crafty, shrewd, powerful one—Satan. He is the enemy of the soul. True, many modernists laugh at the idea; they claim there is no personal devil; that Satan is but the figment of superstitious persons' imaginations. However, they do not know God's Book, or do not believe His message. No Bible-taught Christian can say such things. He knows that Satan is much alive, exceedingly active, industrious, deadly. He is more powerful far than even his most fierce agents on earth—and they are legion today. He is able not only to harm the body but to bring havoc to the soul and spirit of man as well—if we are off guard for a moment, and lack the protection of the Lord Jesus. He is the only One of whom Satan is afraid.

Thus, we readily see that this portion of David's petition is suited to the needs of us all, even though no human killers are on our trail at this time. "Deliver us from evil," we pray

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Christ Challenging Youth

MRS. OPAL CAPELL

Eccl. 12:1, *"Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth."*

Thus comes the call ringing over the world today—Christ calling the youth of our land into His service. Many are accepting and joining God's great army, but, alas, too many are not heeding the call!

No one believes in young people as much as does Jesus Christ. He challenges them to be something in the world and do something for the world.

Most young people have the wrong ideas about salvation. You hear them say, "I'm young and I want to enjoy life and have fun. When I get ready to settle down or when I get too old to have fun, then I'll get saved and live right." Oh, how wrong you are, boys and girls. How do you know you'll live to be old? You have no promise of tomorrow. There are boys and girls in hell now that meant to get right with God sometime but waited too long. There are more young people dying now than old.

Eccl. 11:9, "Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment." Heed this warning before it is too late. God needs young people to work for Him. The finest young men and women I have ever been privileged to meet were ministers of God, happy, knowing they had answered the call of God.

God's purposes and destiny for us are far higher than our own. If we let Him control our lives we can fulfill that destiny. He has a perfect plan for every life and the greatest thing we can do is to find that plan by yielding our lives to Him and with His help do what we feel like He wants us to do.

It is strange how any boy or girl should feel he or she is too young to trust in the Savior. Do you think Jesus died just for old people, or the Holy Bible was written just for old men and women? No, it was written just as much for you and me as it was for them, and Jesus died for you just like He died for them. Jesus was young when He was here on earth. He is the greatest Friend of youth today. He needs you and me to be laborers with Him in building His kingdom.

"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity," 1 Timothy 4:12. He is calling for sons and daughters that will really live the life and not be ashamed of the gospel, those He can trust. It takes a real man or woman to live for God. Some people think that God seeks to put on them a straight jacket to deprive them of freedom. Christ came not to imprison the human spirit but to release it. He came not to hamper the exercise of man's capacities or the fulfillment of his longings. Rather, He brings them all into full and harmonious expression.

To be free is one of man's deepest longings. To all men who prize freedom Jesus says, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

In these times many young people have abandoned life's greatest dreams going down into the valley of death at the bidding of their country. Isn't it in them also to gird themselves as Christ's men and women for battle with evil in the Nation and among the nations?

David said in Psalms 119:9, "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word." Just take heed to the Word of God and it will change you. "Believe me, the church that wants us to sit by its fireside and hear its holy gospel will never win us," so said a young man. Well, Jesus doesn't want you to sit down on the do-nothing stool. "He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it," Matthew 10:39. In this verse there is a summons to live dangerously, to live valiantly for God. It is not enough for the church to secure the presence of boys and girls in the sanctuaries. The church will not hold them if it fails to call them to crusade. So let us remember we should seek the kingdom of God first—not when half our lives are spent.

"Behold now is the accepted time: behold now is the day of salvation."

Christ Crowded Out

FREDDIE VAN METER

Luke 2:7, *"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."*

This is not a Christmas message but when we consider the condition of the world, both naturally and materially, and, I must say, from a certain angle spiritually, it does not take a pair of spyglasses to notice that Christ is being crowded out of the picture.

We may consider our youth of today. God bless them, they have many trials to face. Many are reared in Christian homes where the family altar still exists, much of a relic as it may seem to be, and may also be taught the Word of God daily. Yet, we must send them forth to schools where they are drilled in worldly songs and dancing, and they are even bringing motion pictures into the schools. If the Bible is used at all, it is such a rare thing that the influence is soon overwhelmed by worldly teaching. Please listen to some of the programs. Do you hear a hymn sung? I'll say no, but such songs as are popular with the world. "Oh," some say, "we must needs mingle with them in order to win them." Precious souls, the ship belongs to the water but when the water gets into the ship there is trouble right now. So it is with Christ. His dwelling place is in the hearts of men and women, boys and girls, but when they reach out to mingle the world with it, Christ is crowded out, "for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? and what concord hath Christ with Belial?"

If there ever was a day and time when hearts needed to be open to receive the real gospel truths, it is today. There is so much formality and some

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The Middle Man

J. L. JONES

Text: Luke 23:33, "*And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.*"

In this text, we have before us three characters speaking of three different things. On the left hand, we have one of the malefactors typifying the dying of the law, a man dying in sin. On the right hand, we see the other malefactor picturing the ushering in of grace, a man dying to sin. And the Middle Man tells us of a man dying for sin. Thus, we have a man dying in sin, or a dying sinner; one dying to sin, or a dying saint; and One dying for sin, or a dying Savior.

THE MIDDLE CROSS

Before this earth was wrapped in swaddling clothes of light, before the mountains and hills were established, before the fountains ever gushed forth their liquid blessings, before any ray of light like a flaming archangel ever sped forth across the uncharted deep to light the continents of darkness, this Middle Man was with His Father.

Proverbs 8:23-30, "I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth: While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth: When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep: When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: When he appointed the foundations of the earth: Then I was by him, as one brought forth up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him."

Jesus left this heavenly bliss when everything had failed to redeem fallen and dying humanity. The middle Man left the worshiping hails of heaven for the killing nails of an angry mob that thronged around the cross. From the place where the river of life flows, Jesus came to a world that was in the current and cesspool of death. Looking closer at the middle cross, we see the sins from the ages passed until a time when there'll be no sin, all of the iniquity of a Christ-rejecting world placed upon Him. Isaiah tells us that God hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

THE THIEF ON THE RIGHT

Here we see the cross of reception. When everything had failed him—his education, his riches, his parents, the wise men of the land; when the last embers of a dying flame had almost gone out, the thief looked on the Middle Man and said, "Lord, remember me." The thief saw there One hanging like himself, perhaps on the same kind of cross; but he looked beyond that. He saw the real thing that was worth-while—a Savior, and this Savior, amid the babbling voices around Him in the midst of His suffering, when the agony was at its climax, takes time out to say, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." He always found time to help those in need.

THE CROSS OF REJECTION

On the left hand, let us hear the thief as he railed on him, and said, "If thou be Christ, save thyself and us." He wanted the Christ without the cross, a bloodless cult, a bloodless religion. The modernists say we preach Christ the beautiful, Christ the ethical; but Paul said, "We preach Christ and him crucified." Paul said, "But God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world." Gal. 6:14.

There, while the lamp of mercy burned at arm's length, the dying thief on the left failed to accept Him. He was as close as the other but failed to look to the Middle Man.

When the world turns its back upon us, when earthly friends can't help, when the shades of the dark valley loom before us and the river of death has to be crossed, He that stilled the tempest, cleansed the leper, unstopped the deaf ears, made the blind eyes to see and raised the dead, His presence will be there for those who have accepted the Middle Man.

Love Not The World

GRACE RICHARD

If thou turn from thy own ways and walk in God's ways, then thou shalt delight thyself in the Lord. See Isa. 58:13, 14.

Many Christians are not delighting themselves in the Lord today. The glory of God is not upon them. There is no radiance or joy on their faces. They sit in the house of God as if they were dead. They cannot delight themselves in the Lord because they are not walking in God's way. They are walking in their own ways (hewed them out broken cisterns). There are so many things to turn our thoughts aside. God said if we would turn from our own ways, and walk in His way, that we should delight ourselves in the Lord. Remove the yoke, speaking evil and having vanity and pride. Souls are burdened down with vanity, evil speaking, and pleasures of this world; seeking those things to satisfy the soul; feeding their poor hungry souls on hay and stubble.

1 John 2:15, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." We cannot have these things in our lives and have the love of God in us. We cannot serve two masters. We either serve God or the world. You may be trifling with God, and it is a dangerous thing to do; stumbling on, having your own way, while your soul is dying, the Spirit is gradually leaving as you become more restless.

We find in Numbers 15:32 that while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man that gathered sticks on the Sabbath Day. He was walking in his own way. God had forbidden the children of Israel to work on the Sabbath. They brought him to Moses and the Lord told Moses that he should surely be put to death. So he was stoned outside the camp and died, as the Lord commanded Moses. God will surely punish those who continue in pleasures and walk in their own ways. "The wages of sin is death." Our Sabbath Day was set

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Has Jesus Lost His Power

By Myrtle Whitehead

Text: Heb. 13:8, *"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and forever."*

The text says, Jesus the same YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER. We want to notice these three words. We will use "yesterday" as being the past. So let's see some of the things which Jesus did in the days which are past, when He was here and since He went away.

In the fourth chapter of St. Matthew after Jesus' temptations in the wilderness, Matt. 4:23, 24, "Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. And His fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had palsy: and he healed them."

We see that He had power in the past to save, also to heal, and He healed many people who couldn't find relief from any other source. I think of the women who came to Him for healing in St. Mark, 5th chapter. She had spent all she had for physicians and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse; and when she had heard of Jesus, she came in the press behind the crowd, and touching the hem of His garment she was made whole. Yes, healed of the plague! And in the same chapter I read about the damsel who was dead, but Jesus went to the home of the ruler, her father, and taking her by the hand commanded her to arise, and immediately she arose and walked. Many other wonderful things which Jesus did "yesterday" are recorded in the Word.

Has He lost His power? Did He take all His power back to heaven when He left this world? Power to save and heal people? Read Matthew, 10th chapter. When He called His twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of diseases. And Jesus said, St. John 14:12, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." When He left this world, He left the promise with us, and we have His power manifested in the same manner as before He went away.

The next word of the text, which we want to notice, is TODAY. Are the days of miracles past? Does Jesus heal today? The text says Jesus the same today, which means now, or at the present time. Yes, I am glad Jesus is still healing the sick, as well as saving people from sin. Not very long ago I was wonderfully healed. A small sore came on my right hand. It didn't appear to be anything serious. Later, it became infected and looked as if it might be a cancer. The enemy told me it was a cancer and it would eat my hand off, but I still trusted the Lord and He healed my hand. Praise the Lord! Sometime later, I took something like flu. I grew worse and soon developed pneumonia, I believe. I didn't have a doctor but it must have been pneumonia. Those who had seen this terrible disease destroy so many lives told me it was pneumonia. No one but the Lord knew how I suffered for three weeks. The saints prayed for me and held on to the Lord and Jesus, Who is the same today, healed me.

No, the Lord hasn't lost His power. It isn't the Lord who has changed. Malachi 3:6a, "For I am the Lord, I change not." It is the people. The next word of the text we want to notice is FOREVER. How long will this be? This means in the future or as long as time will be. Heb. 13:5. The Lord has promised to never leave nor forsake us. Oh, what a wonderful privilege to know Jesus as being the greatest physician this world has ever known, and I wonder why we don't see more healings today. Has Jesus lost His power? No indeed. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. Do we preach it as we should? Is divine healing a Bible doctrine? Yes, it was preached and practiced by Jesus and the early church the same as any other part of the doctrine of the Bible. Did Jesus heal yesterday? Yes, the Bible says He did. Does He still heal today? Yes, the Bible says He does. Will He heal in the future? The Bible says He is the same forever. If so, I know He will always heal us if we will trust Him. Let's preach and practice divine healing. Tell people Jesus is the same YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER.

God's Quest for Man and Man's Quest for God

By Nadyne Clouse

The first part of this subject has a text, which is found in Gen. 1:26. Just why God chose to create man is explained in the same verse. It was that he might have dominion or power over God's creation—not one another! God, in the beginning, sought a man to dress and care for the garden, man's earthly home. This was God's purpose in his quest for man. Man did not fulfill the purpose for which God had created him, however. God gave man one commandment to keep—only one, and he broke it! How weak man was in the beginning! If you want to say it was the woman who sinned, then she must have been made of the wrong material, for, according to Gen. 2:21, 22, she was made of man, and only one of his ribs at that!

The sin principle did not exist in either Adam or Eve, but the iniquity lay in the serpent or the devil, the third party, who had his abode in the garden. It was his influence which made them sin against God. Man disobeyed God—sin was the result. Seemingly, we would think God's quest for man was a vain one, but not so, for with God all things are possible. In Gen 3:15, God immediately begins a new quest for another man. He found that man to be His only begotten Son! God sought the second man that He might use Him to correct the error of the first one. God made provisions for that correction on the cross in St. John 19:34.

It was here at the cross of Jesus, that man began his quest for God and behold! a third steps out and leads the long procession of humanity out from under the curse, by faith in

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Florida	600.74
Georgia	522.46
North Carolina	310.51
Virginia	296.68
Tennessee	231.48
Mississippi	126.91
Kentucky	96.93
W. Virginia	85.84
Louisiana	35.66
Pennsylvania	14.15
Maryland	10.23
Maine	7.82
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Delaware	4.96
Michigan	4.12
New York	3.23
Missouri	1.70
Illinois	1.56
Ohio	1.51
Nebraska	1.13
North Dakota	.89
Indiana	.89
Washington	.63
Minnesota	.26
Iowa	.10
Washington, D. C.	.08
GRAND TOTAL	$4,099.57

This will give workers on the field an idea as to the amount of cash this small item will yield when there is push behind the drive. We would like for you to know, too, that almost three-fourths of the above amount was sent in from January 31 to July 31, leaving only one-fourth for the last half of last year. We did not receive enough coupons for that half to qualify us for a bonus that was offered. Remember, too, that we are on a bonus again from August 1, 1946, to January 31, 1947. We have a very liberal offer but we must have quantity to qualify for a bonus, without which our cash for coupons will run low. Some have done a splendid job, but as a whole we have fallen quite a sum behind last year. Different things could account for this but let's see that it is not a lack of push this last half of 1946.

We are in receipt of a letter from Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Company stating that since early 1933 the Or-

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... TESTIMONIES ...

Healed of Cancer in Head

LANGLEY, S. C.—Dear Evangel readers: I want to thank the Lord for what He has done for me. He has healed my eyes after they were so weak I had to wear glasses all the time. Now I never need them. He also healed my head. It stayed sore inside all the time. I was examined by a cancer specialist and he said I had one of the worst kind of cancers. He thought it had been there for six years. I was in a serious condition. My health was ruined. I couldn't eat much and had lost several pounds of weight, but I thank God with all my heart because He loved me enough to hear the prayers of His children for my sake. I appreciate their prayers and the tears I'm sure they shed for me. God heard them and today I'm feeling fine. I believe God has completely healed me. I love the Lord and covet your prayers, that I will always live for Jesus and be a blessing to my home and everywhere I go.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Julian L. McLendon.

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Wonderful Miracle

ELECTRO, Tex.—I praise the Lord for His many blessings to me. I thank Him for bringing my son back home after nearly two years overseas. I also thank Him for healing my youngest boy. Just at the beginning of school, he took a very bad headache on Friday night, and it continued to grow worse. On Monday evening, about five o'clock, he took a fever. He finally went to bed. His head wouldn't cease aching even for a second, but steadily grew worse, with the fever mounting higher and higher.

I asked him if he wanted a doctor, but he didn't want one. At first he didn't want me to get the saints to come and pray for him, but he grew worse all the time until he finally gave his consent to be prayed for, so I called for the saints. They soon came, and when they began to pray and get hold of the Lord it wasn't long until he began to pray and call on the Lord, too. The Lord came on the scene and wonderfully healed his body and saved his soul, and I'm praising and thanking the Lord for it. It was a wonderful miracle for I don't believe he could have lasted much longer, but thanks to the dear Lord, He healed him. I desire the prayers of everyone for my family.—Mrs. R. F. Parnell.

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He Means Much to Me

I truly want to praise the Lord today for what he means to me. I don't know how to praise Him enough for what He has done for me. Praise His holy name. I have been wearing glasses for twenty years. My eyes have been very weak. I couldn't see any distance without them, but, praise God, one Sunday morning we had with us a visiting preacher, Brother Jonah Perry. He preached a wonderful sermon on divine healing and had a healing service. I went down to be prayed with, and for my eyes to be prayed for. I had my glasses on and the Lord spoke to me and said, "Take those glasses off and get on your knees." I went down on my knees and my glasses went on the bench. When they got to me, I was praying, asking the Lord to help me have faith that I could be healed when they anointed me. I fell over in the floor praising God and I have not had my glasses on since. I have been sewing and reading this week without them, something I could not do very much before. Praise His holy name. My little girl, four years old, had enlarged tonsils. When she took cold, she could hardly breathe. I asked the saints to pray that the Lord would make them normal. I came home Sunday night and looked into her throat. Her tonsils were so much smaller than they had been in a long time. I am praising God for being saved, sanctified and filled with the sweet Holy Ghost. Pray for me and my husband to hold on to the Lord.—Nettie Lassitu, Greenville, N. C.

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He Has Loved Us So

On Dec. 15, 1945, while putting up a Christmas tree, my daughter's baby girl, only four years old, picked up a penknife and in some way punctured her eye. We called together, at once, two Christians and truly cried aloud unto God. God truly answered prayer and her eye again looked good.

On the 18th of December, neighbors came in and said they felt that we as Christians should take the child to an eye doctor so he could look at it. My daughter did and he said it was remarkable, that the eye was fine and not any infection had set in, but since there was a piece of loose skin he could see he felt he should remove it. My daughter took her to the hospital the next morning for the operation and they took her blood test and got her ready for the operation. The doctor who was to perform the operation called and said that he had started to the hospital but had fallen and twisted his back so he was unable to come and would have to operate later.

My daughter brought her little girl down to my home where I was cleaning for Christmas. I had some large pictures laid on the table. The hospital had put a bandage over the little girl's eye and it had fallen down. She ran into the corner of one of those pictures and cut the eyeball so badly it bled. We called the same eye doctor again and he told us he didn't think he could come down, so we took her to another, only to have him say, "Sorry, but the eye will have to come out." Well, truly we started to call on God, and in came the doctor who knew what faith my daughter had in God. He said it was his opinion that the eye woud have to come out but to keep faith. My daughter decided not to have the eye removed until she could get to the children's hospital in Columbus, Ohio. Some friends took us to Columbus and we called Brother Hughes and another minister so there were several praying for her. Two doctors came in and said the eye would have to be removed but later a specialist came in and, without saying much, he took her to the operating room. When he came back he told us he had removed the eye, cleaned it, put it back in, and if no infection set in she would be all right. I promised God to tell this experience for His glory and I truly thank God for hearing and answering prayer. We want to give God all the glory because our baby still has her sight. Pray for us, that we will prove faithful to Him who has loved us so.—Sister D. M. Utsler.

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CHRIST CROWDED OUT

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one else telling us we are doing fine, without any real change of heart and life. It is really enough to cause angels to weep. Not so long ago I heard a Bible lecture which I must say was far from Holy Ghost teaching. In the middle of the lecture was a recess given, in which the congregation served tea and sang such songs as "Tulip and Rose," "Home on the Range," and others of like origin. Precious child of God, my soul was grieved to think how Christ is being crowded out. When He stands at the door and knocks, oh, heed the knock of the nail-pierced hand. Our hearts are melted when we hear Christ say, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" Why? Because He was crowded out. Can we hear that same voice today saying, "O America, America, how often have I longed to stand by your side, share your burdens, and give you grace to overcome, but you would not." Precious prayer warriors, this surely is something that deserves the prayerful attention of everyone concerned about lost souls, and may God help us to ring on the prayer bells until victory is won.

LOVE NOT THE WORLD

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aside to keep holy and worship God.

Isaiah 58:13, 14, "If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable; and shalt honour him; not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." Our souls will be made fat for we will have delight in the Lord. There will be joy on our faces, if we walk in God's way. We shall be a light to others. "A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid." If we walk in our own ways, we shall walk in darkness and be stumbling blocks to others. When we walk in God's ways we are not ashamed of our deeds. We are glad for our deeds to be brought to light, because they are wrought of God. We have a desire to do something for Jesus and His kingdom. "Let the wicked forsake his ways." While you are having your own pleasures and desecrating the Sabbath, you might be called to leave this world, called to meet God unprepared, for your heart could not be right if you are breaking His commandments. So turn from thy own ways and walk in God's way and thou shalt delight thyself in the Lord.

REVIVALS

SMITHVILLE, Tenn.—The Church of God at Short Mt. has closed a wonderful revival. It ran for three weeks. There were ten saved, five sanctified, and seven filled with the Holy Ghost. Sister Clark was the evangelist. She really can preach old-time holiness in its fulness. Sometimes the Holy Ghost would take charge and she didn't even get to preach. At times there were said to be between twelve and thirteen hundred people present and they surely did listen attentively. We have a good pastor. Brother Durham is always ready to help. Brother Clark helped out also and the pastor from Smart Station came and played his guitar. He can really play. We were all glad to have him. I think there was much good done that can't be estimated, for it was a great revival. Pray for us at Short Mt. We have some money on building a new and larger church. Pray that we can get it built.—Mrs. Beulah Farrell, clerk.

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HYDEN, Kentucky.—We just closed a three weeks' revival at Shelby City with eight saved, three sanctified, five baptized in water, and three added to the church. The Lord blessed in a great way. We had large crowds every night. Rev. Russell Holman, the pastor of Mitchellsburg church, did the preaching.—Aden Morgan.

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DONALSON, Ga.—We have just closed an eight days' revival with our pastor, Brother G. L. Herring, conducting the service, and the Lord really blessed in a wonderful way. The saints were all revived, three were saved, one sanctified and three added to the church. Brother Herring has done a wonderful work here, and we are all proud of him and his family. May the Lord's richest blessing be upon him and his family wherever they go.

Pray for us and our church that the Lord will continue to bless.

In the two years that Brother Herring has been here, we have built a nice church and parsonage and put down a pump. Pray for us.—B. B. Tipton.

WILLISTON, Fla.—I want to praise God for the way He has been blessing here, and for the revival which closed Sunday night, July 21.

The Lord wonderfully blessed in many ways. There were nine saved, eight sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, five baptized in water, and four added to the church. The church was very much revived, and people were healed. For four weeks we have fought sin and the devil, but every service was so good no one seemed to tire. Brother and Sister Ford conducted this revival.—Mrs. Sallie Bennett.

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BARNARDSVILLE, N. C.—The Church of God at Barnardsville has just closed a wonderful revival with Evangelist T. J. Collins of Greenville, S. C. We surely did enjoy every message as it came forth with spirit and power. The Lord is still blessing. Continue to pray for us.

We appreciate our pastor, Brother Kilby, and his family.—Mrs. Ada Whittmore.

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MAUD, Okla.—We have just closed a wonderful revival at the Church of God in Maud, Okla., with Rev. Larkin Stamper doing the preaching. Every message was directed by the good Holy Ghost. Our tabernacle was filled with people, and many were on the outside in cars. There were five saved, three sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost, and eleven baptized in water.

Brother Stamper's tireless efforts and good preaching will long be remembered here.—J. L. Jones, pastor, Box 773.

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PLYMOUTH, N. C.—Greetings in the name of Jesus. I want to thank the Lord for what He is to me. Sunday night, August 11, the Lord saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost. I am a young girl of nearly sixteen. Pray that I will stand true and be what Christ wants me to be.

The results of the revival are as follows: eight souls were saved, seven sanctified, and seven filled with the Holy Ghost. Sister Jennings did the preaching.

There is not a church here. Pray that the Lord will help us to get one organized.—Fannie Dail, Wilson St., Extended.

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ST. STEPHEN, S. C.—Our church recently closed a two weeks' revival, and we felt the presence of God in every service. We surely appreciate Brother Goss' coming here to hold an old time revival. Every message that he brought was enjoyed, and we invite him to come back. Please pray that God will keep us in the shadow of the cross.—Wilma Orvin.

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SAMUELS CHAPEL, Ala.—We have just closed a wonderful revival here with Rev. Mark Morrow of Laxey, Ala., doing the preaching. The altar was full every service and souls were gloriously saved; some were healed. The revival closed with good interest. This is a new field and there is a good prospect for a Church of God. We want Brother Morrow to come back for another revival in the near future. —N. W. Nix.

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MT. VALE, Tenn.—A one week's revival has come to a close at Mt. Vale with one saved. The church in general was revived. Sister Emaline White was the evangelist. Everyone enjoyed her messages and learned to love her. Pray much for Mt. Vale. We invite Sister White back at any time. We were glad to have the help of the neighboring churches.—Viola Kimbrough, clerk.

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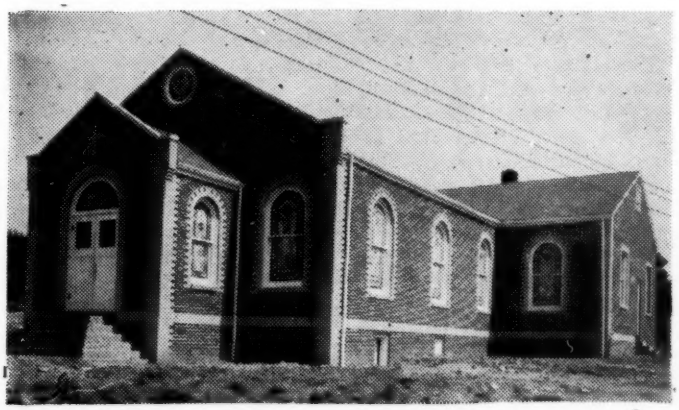

The above is the new church at Dayton which is the result of completely remodeling and enlarging the former church building. It is now a beautiful brick veneer with art glass windows and Sunday School rooms in the rear. It is one of our most beautiful churches. The increase in property value is about $17,000. The Sunday School has increased from about an average of sixty to well over two hundred each Sunday. Brother W. G. Landrome, the pastor, has done and is doing a great work. He has made many friends in the city. The membership has increased substantially and a great revival is now on.

The Minnesota State Convention

The Minnesota State Convention convened at Minneapolis, July 12-14. People from Wahpeton and Beulah, North Dakota; Michigan; Mosinee, Winegar, and White Lake, Wisconsin; and Hermon, Minnesota, attended.

Brother McAfee, state overseer of North and South Dakota, was there Friday afternoon but had to leave for another meeting. Brother Boatwright, of Centerville, Iowa, was the main speaker. He brought many wonderful truths from the Word of God that we shall all remember.

Sunday afternoon, the young people had charge. God came down and manifested Himself in a wonderful way.

We wish to thank our state overseer, Brother Lemuel Johnson, for the work he did to make this convention a success. We also wish to thank him for all he has done in Minnesota and Wisconsin during the period of overseer. May God's richest blessings go with him.

We are now looking forward to the convention next year.—Mrs. Earl Schultze.

Wonderful Cooperation

ENTERPRIZE, Ala.—I pastored here the past two years. My health has failed a lot the last eight months and I wasn't able to preach part of the time, yet the saints and friends of the church were so nice and good to us. When I was in bed for two or three weeks at a time, thank God, the dear saints and friends were right there to help. No one could have been any better to us.

We have made several improvements on the church and parsonage these two years, including painting the church inside. We also bought a piano and a large heater for the church, put up sheet rock in the parsonage, bought a bedroom suit, wardrobe, breakfast suit, and an oil stove for the parsonage. We also put fruit trees, shrubbery, and flowers around the parsonage and church. We thank God for what we have been able to accomplish.—F. B. Carter, pastor.

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Youth March Introduces Eventful Youth Rally in Michigan

The 100% representation of young people from the churches in this state marched down the two center aisles of the large Oakland Avenue Tabernacle onto the rostrum and filled about five seats in the front of the auditorium. The famed "March for Christ" impressed hundreds of men and women from the log-roller to the doctor.

Brother Vep Ellis led the marvelous song "My Hope Is Built on Jesus," with an immense choir joining in.

Professor D. C. Barnes, Head of Religious Education Department of B.T.S. and College, urged for a prepared ministry.

A lovely youth message was delivered by Brother Luther Turner.

The audience sat spellbound as the quartette of Brother A. T. Humphries sang "I Will Sail Up High Some day" and "I Will Slip Away Home."

The message of the evening was then delivered by the Rev. Zeno C. Tharp, state overseer of South Carolina. Brother Tharp urged us to take part in voting out liquor and other damning practices. Then, a most welcome altar call was given and souls were blessed of the Lord.—Ralph E. Day.

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We Did Not Give Up

Just one year ago August 2, 1945, we held our first revival service under a little tent in Hays Addition, Lebanon, Missouri. Our crowds were very small but God blessed our efforts. During the revival a storm came and tore our tent into strips. This did not discourage us but we kept on believing God and held our services in the open air. Brother and Sister Watson came, took two members into the church and appointed a clerk.

We began to pray for a lot and money to build a church with and one widow woman said she would give $300 and a man gave $100. The pastor bought a lot and Brother Barker, Brother Paul Barker, Brother Allen, and Mr. Taylor set to work to build a church. Our Sunday School started with nineteen and now we have sixty-seven, and are still growing. Now we have thirty-six members and we praise God for the wonderful way in which he has blessed in providing this church. We thank our friends in St. Joseph for their donations to help build this church, and we do appreciate our brothers and sisters in Christ. Rev. and Sister G. R. Watson have been wonderful and we

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TREASURE HUNTING FOR WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE

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gate! He had great knowledge, but no wisdom. He killed the goose that lay the golden eggs, and got nothing. Let us make a few practical applications of wisdom and knowledge as these invaluable gifts touch our everyday Christian experience.

1. *The gifts of wisdom and knowledge and the lay member of the Church.* Since "Life and conduct," as it touches the Christian, pertains to his spiritual walk, he should first seek to know the laws of God which govern that life, fixing God's laws and commandments as his rule of conduct, and to which he will yield obedience; bringing his will and affections, his heart as well as his head, in loving submission to these laws.

To make the Christian life one of easy, joyous liberty in Christ, rather than a hard, sanctimonious, long-faced trail of "thou shalt nots," which much of the time is either going into a mud hole, or just dragging out of one, he should know, seek after, and obtain those glorious promises of the Lord to sanctify, baptize with the Holy Ghost and with fire, and to make his life rich in faith, spiritual gifts, and fruits of the Spirit.

The Word of Knowledge dictates faithfulness in *his relationship to his church.* In attendance, in tithing and giving, in active cooperation with its spiritual and material activities. Some churches are built in the middle of cemetaries because their members are all dead. He is not in the Church for a free ride to glory, all meals served in bed; he is there for active fellowship, seeking "that ye may excel to the edifying of the church," 1 Cor. 14:12.

His relationship to his fellow church members. He is not a member of the Veterans of the Revolution (who have been quite successful in the overthrow of past pastors) nor of the Black Hand Society, which continuously threatens the death of the church unless his dictates are obeyed; nor of the Spit and Argue Club, which can argue all day over nothing, and to no avail; nor is he a fifth columnist, who goes about knifing his fellow member and destroying the very body of which he is a part. No! He is a living, vital, active, member and part of the body of Christ, the Church, and the same blood which flows through his body and cleanses it, flows also through the bodies of his fellow Christians, even the blood of Jesus. "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body . . . and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. That there may be no schism (division or separation, seeking to produce division in the Church) in the body, but that the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, all members suffer with it (not criticize or condemn) or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it (not be catty and jealous). Now ye are the body of Christ and members in particular," 1 Cor. 12:13, 25-27.

He will recognize the fact that a flower grows beautiful from within, as its surroundings are congenial, its ground well cultivated and kept, and its enemies, which destroy, kept away; and that the Christian puts on proper and attractive outward adornment as he is nourished and protected in his spiritual life, his surroundings being kept sweet and congenial, not critical and destructive.

His relationship to his family and the world. He is not a holy monk or nun, set apart from contact with family and unsaved friends. Nor is he a machine gun nest of criticism, set up to blast down everything and everyone who does not conform to his idea of sanctity. He is an ambassador of Christ, showing first of all, love, then understanding, compassion, mercy, happy (not sour), long-suffering and patience. Some Christians act as if they lived in a sour pickle factory and subsist on a diet of lemons and green persimmons. Then they wonder why their family and friends do not accept their sweet and wonderful Savior. The unsaved wonder, "Saved from what?"

We do not find the scathing words of our Master directed against the confessed sinner, but against the pretentious hypocrites who claimed so much and had so little. Amongst the unsaved our life usually preaches with greater effect than our words. The sinner is a sinner and cannot be expected to pretend to our standards of righteousness. The best way to get unhealthy sweets away from a child, without a scene, is to offer it something more attractive; then he will gladly relinquish the one to get the other. And when we show by our happy and good lives just how wonderful this Christ is, our unsaved loved ones and friends will more gladly relinquish their former sweets to obtain this pearl of great price.

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GOD'S QUEST FOR MAN AND MAN'S QUEST FOR GOD

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the death of the second Adam—Christ! His faith is recognized—his faith, with these comforting words, "Verily (or surely), I say unto thee, *today* . . . " Surely, today man can just as quickly end his long-drawn-out quest for God if he will only believe John 3:16. Faith was what the dying thief had that Christ recognized and accepted. Faith is what He accepts today. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name," St. John 1:12.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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ing cough.—Grace Mealer, Box 21, Eton, Georgia.

God to heal my wife of high blood pressure and heart trouble; also the healing of my daughter of what doctors say is cancer.—M. R. Matthews, Rt. 5, Hendersonville, N. C.

Urgent request. I am faced with a grave situation only God can master. —Mrs. J. E. Austin, 514 Eleventh St., Albany, Ga.

Mrs. Mancil who is in the T. B. hospital.—Myrtice Wolfe.

The healing of Sister Kell, Rt. 1, Franklin, N. C. Encouragement appreciated; also a boy who has a broken collarbone.—A sister in Christ.

God to heal Brother and Sister Isaac Jarrell; the healing of my husband's body, and the healing of my body.—Mrs. Chloe Jarrell, Whiteville, W. Va.

The Lord to heal my body; an unspoken request.—Hannah Thompson, Callahan, Fla.

Mrs. Carl Swing to be healed; Larry Koontz who has head trouble; Clarence Bowers who has T. B., and the healing of Clyde Swing.—Mrs. Carl Swing, Rt. 4, Lexington, N. C.

God to heal my husband's body; the healing of my body.—Mrs. Marguerite Burns, Flat Creek, Ala.

The Lord to heal me.—F. E. Newby, Whigham, Ga.

God to heal my body; also the healing of my husband's body.—Mrs. Corinne Prather, 964 Dayton Ave., Lexington 47, Ky.

The Lord to undertake for me.—Marie Burcham Jetersville, Va.

DAVID'S PRAYERS—AND OURS

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as we repeat the words of Jesus, Matt. 6:9-13, known as the "Lord's Prayer." And well could we add, "from the evil *one*!"

David declares, "I flee unto thee to hide me." That is a splendid place to flee. So often men and women forget to "flee unto God" in their time of trouble. It is so easy to flee rather to some friend for comfort and advice; and we do not always take the time to select a Christian friend either! Or we may make the mistake of choosing to "keep our troubles to ourselves," failing to share them with the Lord. Sometimes we "trust our own best judgment," and discover too late our error.

Not only is it wise to flee *unto* God when in trouble. There are some other things mentioned in God's Book *from* which the Christian is clearly commanded to flee:

Idolatry is one. "Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry," 1 Cor. 10:14.

The unclean thing is another. "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you," 2 Cor. 6:17.

The love of money and its attendant sorrows is mentioned, 1 Tim. 6:10, and the man of God is directed to flee from such things, 1 Tim. 6:11, and to follow rather after "righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness."

"*Youthful lusts.*" "Flee also youthful lusts," 2 Tim. 2:22. Encouragingly, however, we are told that if we resist the devil, *he* will flee from us! James 4:7.

"TEACH ME TO DO THY WILL"

"Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good," Psa. 143:10, is David's next request.

Doing God's will for his life is one of the true Christian's chief aims and desires. But Satan does his best to make the Christian forget about this desire. Sometimes it is so easy to do "the thing we think best"—and forget all about asking for God's will to be made clear! Evidently, David realized this, and asked God to *teach him* to do His will. We may well repeat this prayer with much earnestness today.

THE LAND OF UPRIGHTNESS is the place to which David prayed the Lord would lead him. What a desirable destination! Do we wish to go there also? Or does this world and its worldly pursuits and pleasures seem more desirable? Satan, the "god of this world," tries to dazzle our spiritual sight with his false promises of pleasure and prosperity. He seeks to keep our desires carnal instead of spiritual. We need to pray earnestly to be drawn, led, attracted to the land of uprightness!

Yes, David's prayer in Psalm 143 is very old—yet ever new, always appropriate for a Christian to utter in sincerity. Let us read it again, and make it our own petition.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

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praise God for them and their daughter.

We also have built a nice five-room parsonage and it is partly furnished. The willing workers helped to put the program over for God.

We hold jail services and have had nine saved and two baptized in water. This is a very needy field. We praise God for the many wonderful healings he has wrought since we have been in Lebanon. Time and space will not permit me to tell all God has done here. It has not been easy, but we have enjoyed the blessings of God in it all. We love the Lord and mean to work for Him until He says it is enough. Paul, our son, is the pianist and takes an active part in the services. Laverne plays her violin and the piano and we are proud of our children. They are a great help to us and the church. Pray for us here at Lebanon.—Mrs. C. L. Barker.

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